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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2460

FROM MCELDOWNEY MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MU PFOR MILI SU

SUBJECT: SUDANESE MILITARY AID TO OMAN

1. MISSION LED BY SUDANESE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF LEFT WITHOUT DECISION ON SUDANESE MILITARY AID BUT WITH CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN OMAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT WHAT SHOULD OR WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. SAYYID FAHAR, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE RETURNED FROM KHARTOUM WITH WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS PROMISE OF COMBAT TROOPS. FAHAR TOLD ME JUNE 8 THAT IN FACT "GREEN LIGHT" WAS GIVEN HIM IN KHARTOUM AND SUDANESE MERELY WISH CAMOUFLAGE COMBAT ASSISTANCE AS TRAINING; HE CLAIMS SUDANESE TRAINING TEAMS WILL IN FACT ENGAGE IN COMBAT AS HAVE BRITISH ARMY TRAINING TEAMS AND THUS HE ADVISED SULTAN QABOOS ACCEPT SUDANESE "TRAINING OFFER".

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2. COMMANDER SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES GENERAL CREASEY, ON OTHER HAND, SAYS WHEN SUDANESE CHIEF OF STAFF OFFER SEND TRAINING ADVISERS TO OMAN HE REPLIED THAT JORDANIANS ALREADY DOING THIS AND ASKED FOR SUDANESE COMBAT TROOPS INSTEAD. SUDANESE SAID THIS WOULD PRESENT "MAJOR CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS".

3. SULTAN'S DECISION, ACCORDING CREASEY, WAS TO ASK SUDAN FOR BRIGADE OF 1200 MEN TO ARRIVE IN DHOFAR SEPTEMBER -- ALTHOUGH CREASEY HAD POINTED OUT THAT THIS TIMETABLE IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS SUDANESE CAN PROVIDE OWN AIRLIFT.

4. ACCORDING BRITISH EMBASSY, SULTAN WAS LED TO BELIEVE THAT SUDANESE HAD OFFERED FULL BRIGADE (UP TO 3000 MEN) DURING VISIT OMANI FONMIN AND DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER TO KHARTOUM. SUDANESE GOVERNMENT NOW PRESUMABLY MAKING UP ITS MIND. MCCLELLAND

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